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Bully News



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President's Report

Hi Members,

Another newsletter with not much to tell you guys due to COVID. We have not been able to hold any walks, members comps or fundays so it has been so quiet. We have our show planned for November but at this point it's unclear where we will be restriction wise by then. Depending obviously on numbers will be the deciding factor if we can go ahead and hold this show. The Trophy Show is due too, but again restrictions and COVID numbers in ACT will determine if this major show will go ahead too. Many clubs have had to cancel during the last two years here in Australia as well as other countries around the world.

It has been a strange time and with many lockdowns well laid plans have been changed multiple times and we have had to cancel judges multiple times over the last two years or cancel shows all together. We were lucky to get our May shows in. On that I'd like to congratulate all the winners from those shows.

Look after yourselves and keep safe until we can all get together again

Cheers

Alison Sutcliffe
President

From the Secretary

Hello Members,

Unfortunately for those of us in Melbourne, this endless lockdown has taken a huge toll on myself and everyone I know. There are so many people struggling with mental health and motivation, and I am also sad for my young dogs who are not getting the social experiences of dog shows that they need.

We have our November show schedule out, which normally would be exciting news but unfortunately I am just thinking of all the work involved to plan an event that may not go ahead. I was asked by a member why we are even bothering to hold a show. The answer is that even if we wanted to cancel, we are not allowed. Dogs Victoria have suffered a great financial loss over the last few years, as have many affiliate clubs. So they will not allow clubs to cancel shows and are approving schedules subject to Covid Rules at the time. I must confess that this means that myself and our very tiny committee must now try and organise sashes, trophies, catering and all the Covid paperwork for an event that possibly won't go ahead. I am planning the AGM for the Sunday after our show and the agenda is published in this newsletter. If anyone has got a spare bit of energy, it would be nice to see some new faces step up on committee. It really is unfair that this club is left to be run by less than a handful of people. There are many jobs that could also be done without being on committee, such as Promo or Newsletter, you don't have to be a breeder or a long time member to participate, you just have to love bull terriers.

Cheers Deb



THIS EVENT IS SUBJECT TO COVID – 19 RESTRICTIONS CURRENT AT THE TIME

**1 x Open Show 2 x Championship Shows
27th & 28th NOVEMBER 2021
K.C.C. Park 655 Westernport Highway Skye
Entries close 19th November 2021**

Saturday 27th November 2021

AM: Katrina Coulson OPEN SHOW

PM: Mrs Bernadette Marshall (Wakatang) CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Sunday 28th November 2021

Mrs Gail Buckley CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Saturday – Judging commences at 10am followed by PM show, not before 12:30 PM.

Sunday – Judging commences at 9.30am followed by AGM.

ROM & Challenge Points available for Championship shows.

All entries to be ONLINE.

Enter ONLINE at www.showmanager.com

No on-site catering available on the day, however pre-purchased lunch and snack boxes will be available to order with entries.

All enquiries to 0403210590.



Championship Shows – Entry Fees

Members Entry for each show:	Non-Members entry for each show:
Entry = \$20.00	Entries = \$25.00
Baby Puppy = \$10.00	Baby Puppy = \$10.00

Combined Catalogue: \$15.00 with entries (includes all shows)

Trophies and Sashes for all "In Show" awards.

Classes: Dogs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 Bitches 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 10A, 11A

This Event will be held in accordance with VCA Regulations, Codes, Policies & Procedures Please note Rule - 7.5.25 No handler or exhibit shall enter the judging ring wearing or bearing any item which identifies by name, prefix, position or distinctive style an exhibit, exhibitor, breeder, sponsor or award; exhibit numbers excepted.

*The Bull Terrier Club of Victoria Inc. reserves the right to refuse any entry. Club reserves the right to appoint reserve judges if necessary.
Subject to Dogs Victoria approval*

New Dates!



ACT BULL TERRIER CLUB Inc.

**Championship Shows & Breed Competitions
FRIDAY/SATURDAY/SUNDAY 3/4/5 Dec 21
Dog Rings, EPIC Grounds, Federal Highway, Canberra**

Date	Judge	Start Time	Show	Order
3Dec21	Mr S Honnery WA	1500	Champ Show	BT BTM
4Dec21	Mr J Watkiss WA	0900	22 nd BT Trophy Show	BT
4Dec21	Mr J Watkiss WA	1 hr after 1st show	4 th BTM Trophy Show	BTM
5Dec21	Ms N Sharrett WA	0900	Champ Show	BT BTM

Classes to be judged

Champ Shows	1,2,3,4,5,10,11 Dogs/Bitches	
Trophy Shows	1,2,3,4,5,10,11 Dogs/Bitches	Animals are to be entered in correct age class as per Rules

There will be a Best Baby and Opp Baby Trophies at the two Trophy Shows

Entry fee per class: \$25-00, Baby Puppies \$15

Catalogue: \$20-00 to be prepaid with entry. Catalogue is for all shows.

There will be a get together on the Saturday evening depending on COVID restrictions at the time. Details will be advised closer to the date.

Entries Close 15 Nov 21 with: Easy Dog Entries – no paper entries

**NOTES: 1. No late or phone entries will be accepted
2. Numbers will be available on the day or
download from Easy Dog**



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agenda

Meeting	Venue	Time	Date
Annual General Meeting	KCC Park	At conclusion of Championship Show, not before 12:00pm	Sunday 28 th November 2021

***This meeting is subject to Covid-19 Restrictions current at the time**

Chair-

Attendees –

Apologies –

Meeting Opened -

Item	Discussion
1	Review of previous minutes:- Of the previous AGM held on 23 rd January 2021 Moved: Seconded:
2	Treasurers Report & Audit Report Statement of revenue and expenditure for 2020-2021 financial year Term deposit Appointment of auditor Moved: Seconded:
3	Committee Reports
4	Voting on Committee Positions 1 x Secretary, 1 x Vice President, 3 x committee
5	National Council Business As per Agenda for NBTC(A) AGM (TBA) Any other NBTCA business
6	Judge nominations and voting for future BTCV shows
Chair	Meeting Closed



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NOMINATION FORM FOR VACANT COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT POSITIONS FOR AGM 2021

Positions available for nomination (all two year positions)

1 SECRETARY (EXPIRES 2023)

1 VICE PRESIDENT (EXPIRES 2023)

1 COMMITTEE (EXPIRES 2023)

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Nomination form:

I hereby nominate _____

For the position of _____

Signed (Nominator) _____

Accepted (Nominee) _____

Nomination forms must be received in writing, by the Secretary 21 days prior to scheduled AGM meeting date.

BTC Victoria Champ Show May 1st 2021 – Judge Sandy Irlam

Thank you to the Bull Terrier Club of Victoria for the honor to judge at your Show held 1/5/21. Congratulations to the hardworking Committee, you run a fabulous show & I appreciate your friendly hospitality. The weather was kind & made for an enjoyable weekend.

Congratulations to the Exhibitors for the overall high quality of the dogs presented, I was spoilt for choice.

Overall mouths were correct with a small number of undershot, overshot & level bites. Some dogs were a little overweight but overall presentation was excellent! All owners should be very proud! Congratulations to all of my winners.

BABY DOG

Williams

ZEEJAY HIREDGUN

Glenbull Razor x Villrino Serenity

1st No#1 White with Red Eye Patch. Long head, gently curved profile, correct eye & Archangel ears. Long neck flowing into well placed shoulders. Correct topline, croup & tail set. I would prefer tighter front feet. Overall, a promising puppy who showed well on the day.

Harmon & Lachmund **BULLALARIS BLACK OF KNIGHT**

Ch Balgay Sunrise Sid x Bullysik Als Angel

2nd No#3 Black Brindle & White. Long head, adequate profile, correct eyes & ears. Strong neck flowing into slightly forward shoulder, slightly long back, would prefer more angle behind. Good bone & compact feet.

Brennan

BULLALARIS SIR WALTER

Ch Balgay Sunrise Sid x Bullysik Als Angel

3rd No#2 Brindle & White with strong head, I would prefer more fill in the muzzle, correct eyes & ears. Strong neck flowing into slightly forward shoulder, slightly long back, adequate hind angulation. Good bone, I would prefer tighter feet. Happy outgoing baby!

PUPPY DOG

Yeoh

YANDOMIR WHERE'S WALLY

Yandomir Aristocrat x Yandomir Sweet Commotion

1st No#4 Masculine White who makes his presence known when he enters the ring with his keen determination. Long, strong, deep, well filled head with clean, gently curved profile, correct eyes & ears. Excellent expression. Long, strong neck flowing into well placed shoulders, correct topline, croup & tail set. Correct angles front & rear showing balance. This boy owned the ring when he settled with his sound, free movement. Strong, round bone to compact feet. Presented in excellent condition. It was my pleasure to award him

CHALLENGE DOG & BEST IN SHOW

JUNIOR DOG

Patterson

POTENS DREAD FORT

Harrick Remarkable Adam (AI) x Potens Dark Wings

1st No#5 Masculine White with long, strong, deep head, gently curved profile, correct eyes & ears, excellent expression. Strong neck flowing into slightly forward shoulder, correct hind angulation, croup & tail set. Strong bone to compact feet. Beautifully presented & handled.

INTERMEDIATE DOG

Wiseman

BULROARUS RUSTY NAIL

Teirwgwyn White Chaos x Briminie Missmuck

1st No#9 Masculine White with Brindle ear. This boy entered the ring with keen determination, he is a showman. Long, strong, deep head, gently curved profile, correct eyes & ears. Excellent expression. Strong neck flowing into shoulder, short, strong back. Well angled front & rear. On the stack this boy shows quality. Beautifully conditioned & presented. **RESERVE CHALLENGE DOG**

Sharp

KAHA BIG BUCKS (AI)

Emred Devils Spy x Bullysik Kryptonite

2nd No#8 Masculine White with long, strong, head, gently curved profile, correct eyes & ears. Strong neck flowing into slightly forward shoulder, soft topline on the move, I would prefer more angulation behind. Beautifully presented in good condition.

Sutcliffe

SEMAJON BOB MARLEY

Jacamar Dream Time x Balgay Devils Eye

3rd No#6 White with long, strong head, gently curved profile, correct eyes & ears. Strong neck connecting into slightly forward shoulder, I would prefer more angulation behind. Beautifully presented in good condition.

AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG

Yeoh

YANDOMIR INTIMIDATION

Bullpatchy In The Ghetto x Yandomir Sweet Commotion

1st No#11 Masculine White with long, strong head, gently curved profile, correct eyes & ears. Strong neck flowing into well placed shoulders, correct topline, croup & tail set. Correct angles front & rear showing balance. Strong bone, compact feet. Although he is a quality boy, he wasn't keen to show on the day. Beautifully presented.

Hansen

BRAXSTAR GATE KEEPER (AI)

Ch Brasshead Gothic Vortex At Boromir (AI) x Ch Braxstar Cover Girl

2nd No.#10 Masculine White with strong head, gently curved profile, correct eyes & ears. Strong neck connecting to slightly forward shoulder, slightly flat croup, slightly high tail set. Good bone, compact feet. Beautifully presented.

OPEN DOG

Dowall

JACAMAR FURY ROAD (AI)

Jacamar The Hurricane x Jacamar Ruby Rose

1st No#13 Red & White with long, strong head, gently curved profile, correct eyes & ears. Strong neck connecting to slightly forward shoulder, slightly flat croup & slightly high tail set. Beautifully presented in good condition.

BABY PUPPY BITCH

Patterson

POTENS RAINBOW SERPENT (AI)

Jacmar Fury Road (AI) x Potens Dark Wings

1ST No#17 Feminine Tri with long, strong head, gently curved profile, correct eyes & ears. Long neck flowing into well placed shoulders, correct topline, croup & tail set. I would prefer more compact feet. Beautifully presented in good condition.

Williams

ZEEJAY MILLION DOLLAR BABY

Glenbull Razor x Villrino Serenity

2nd No#15 Red & White with long, strong head, gently curved profile, correct eye & ears. Strong neck flowing into well placed shoulder, slightly long back, slightly flat croup. Beautifully presented,

Sutcliffe

BULLYSIK MISTIFTY ME

Bullysik Illuminated Assassin x Bullysik Silent Assassin

3rd No#14 Brindle & White with strong head, gently curved profile, correct eyes & ears. Strong neck flowing into well placed shoulder, slightly long back, slightly flat croup. Beautifully presented.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH

Bullpatchy Knls

BULLPATCHY DARLING RIVER (AI)

Javarke River Pirate x Bullpatchy Charlotte

1st No#19 Feminine Black Brindle & White with long, strong, clean head, gently curved profile & finish, correct eyes & ears. Long, strong neck flowing into correctly placed shoulder, correct topline, croup & tail set. Correct angles front & rear showing balance. Strong bone, compact feet. Beautifully presented.

Hetherington

CATCHALOT YAHOO ULURU

Ch Lowdina Yahoo Login x Catchalot Classie Lady

2nd No#20 Red & White with long, strong head, gently curved profile. Long neck flowing into correctly placed shoulders, correct topline, correct croup & tail set. Beautifully presented.

PUPPY BITCH

Bullpatchy Knls

BULLPATCHY PRETTY RIVER (AI)

Javarke River Pirate x Bullpatchy Charlotte

1st No#21 Feminine Black Brindle & White with long, strong, clean head, gently curved profile, correct eyes & ears. Long, strong neck flowing into correctly placed shoulders, correct topline, croup & tail set. Strong, round bone & beautifully presented.

RESERVE CHALLENGE BITCH

JUNIOR BITCH

HUMPHREY

BULLROY JUSTA BIT POSH

Bullroy Nordic Thunder x Hulie Tiger Lily

1st No#22 Feminine White with Brindle ears, balanced, long, strong head, gently curved profile & finish, correct eyes & ears. Long, strong neck flowing into correctly placed shoulders, correct topline, croup & tail set. Correct angles front & rear showing balance. Good bone, compact feet. She wasn't happy to show today but I cannot ignore her sound quality.

INTERMEDIATE BITCH

Sutcliffe

SEMAJON ADELE

Jacamar Dream Time x Balgay Devils Eye

1st No#23 .White with long, strong head, gently curved profile, correct eyes & ears. Strong neck flowing into well placed shoulder, correct topline, croup & tail set. Beautifully presented.

Dowall

JACAMAR VALERIE

Am.Gr Ch Notorious Never Say Never x Jacamar Pogue Mahone

1st No#25 Tri with long head, gently curved profile, I would prefer more depth in underjaw, correct eyes & ears. Strong neck connecting to slightly forward shoulder, slightly flat croup, I would prefer more hind angulation. Beautifully presented.

AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH

Bottomley

UNTHINKABULL HELLSBELLS

Stardom Eye Spy x Vaugharr Tri

1st No#28 Feminine Red & White with long, strong clean head, correct eyes & ears. Long, strong neck flowing into well placed shoulders, correct topline, croup & tail set. Correct angles front & rear showing balance. Strong bone, compact feet. Presented beautifully.

Sutcliffe

SEMAJON JANIS JOPLIN

Jacamar Dream Time x Balgay Devils Eye

2nd No#26 Exuberant White with strong head, gently curved profile, correct eyes & ears. Long neck flowing into well placed shoulders, correct angles front & rear showing balance. Beautifully presented.

Hansen

BRAXSTAR FALLEN ANGEL (AI)

Ch Brasshead Gothic Vortex At Boromir (Ai) x Ch Braxstar Cover Girl

3rd No#28 Exuberant White with strong head, gently curved profile, correct eyes & ears. Long neck flowing into well laid shoulders. Good bone & well presented.

OPEN BITCH

Yeoh

YANDOMIR PENELOPE PITSTOP

Yandomir Kauzin Kaos x Yandomir Shez All That

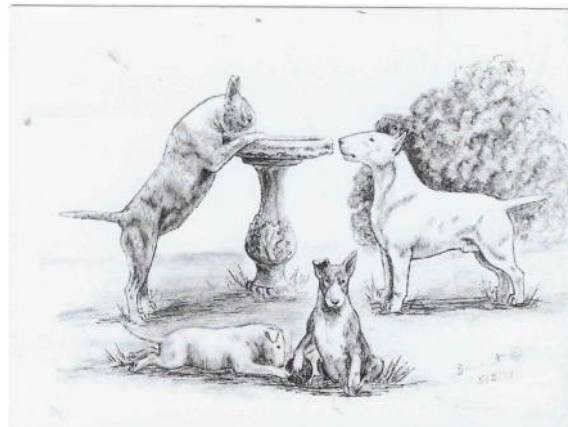
1st No#33 Substantial White who maintains her feminine quality. Long, strong, clean head with gently curved profile & finish, correct eyes & ears, excellent expression. Long, strong neck flowing into correctly placed shoulders, correct topline, correct croup & tail set. Correct angles front & rear showing balance. Strong bone, compact feet. Beautifully presented & handled. It was my pleasure to award this girl **BITCH CHALLENGE & RUNNER UP IN SHOW**

Griffin

CH EXCELSIS ELECTRA

Ch Bodalla Dragons Breath x Ch Ivash Hypnotic Poison

2nd No#32 Feminine Red & White with long, strong head, gently curved profile, correct eyes & ears. Long neck flowing into well placed shoulder, correct topline, croup & tail set. Good bone, compact feet. Beautifully presented.



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Contaminated pet food investigation traces toxic horse meat back to NT property

A single property in the Northern Territory has been identified as the source of toxic horse meat, believed responsible for a spate of dog deaths in Victoria.

Key points:

- Authorities have traced toxic horse meat back to a single property in Central Australia
- At least 23 pet dogs have died, and 67 have been hospitalised in Victoria from indospicine poisoning
- Australia exported more than 800 tonnes of "edible horse" meat in 2020

Authorities are not naming the location but have visited the property and interviewed its manager — who is said to be shocked by what has happened. It is understood the property sold a truckload of about 25 horses, but they were not intended to go to Victoria.

"I have been on the property and discussed the situation with the manager and he was completely unaware that the final destination of the horses was Victoria for manufactured pet food," Peter Saville, the NT's principal veterinary officer, said.

"The manager's understanding was the horses would go to a meatworks in Queensland for human consumption and our investigation has suggested the horses were re-directed [to Victoria] due to COVID lockdowns."

Dr Saville said samples had been collected from another 80 horses on the property, which will be tested for levels of the toxin indospicine. When asked if the toxic horse meat would have been harmful to humans, Dr Saville said "not necessarily".

"Humans are far more tolerant to low-levels of indospicine than dogs and the amount of meat in a human diet is much lower than a dog diet ... given dogs are repeatedly fed the same diet almost every day."

In the Northern Territory, under its Meat Industries Act 1996, it is illegal for a person to slaughter a horse for pet food "if he or she knows, or has reason to suspect, it has been in an area in which Birdsville Horse Disease occurs. Birdsville disease is a toxic condition in horses caused by eating a native species of *Indigofera*. Dr Saville said while inspecting the NT property linked to the Victorian pet food contamination, he saw no evidence of horses suffering from Birdsville disease and did not see any signs of the *Indigofera* plants growing on the property. He described the horses in question as "semi-feral" and said it was very unusual for horses to be sold from the NT. "The Northern Territory faces issues with an expanding [feral] horse population which leads to land degradation and animal welfare issues during dry times," he said.

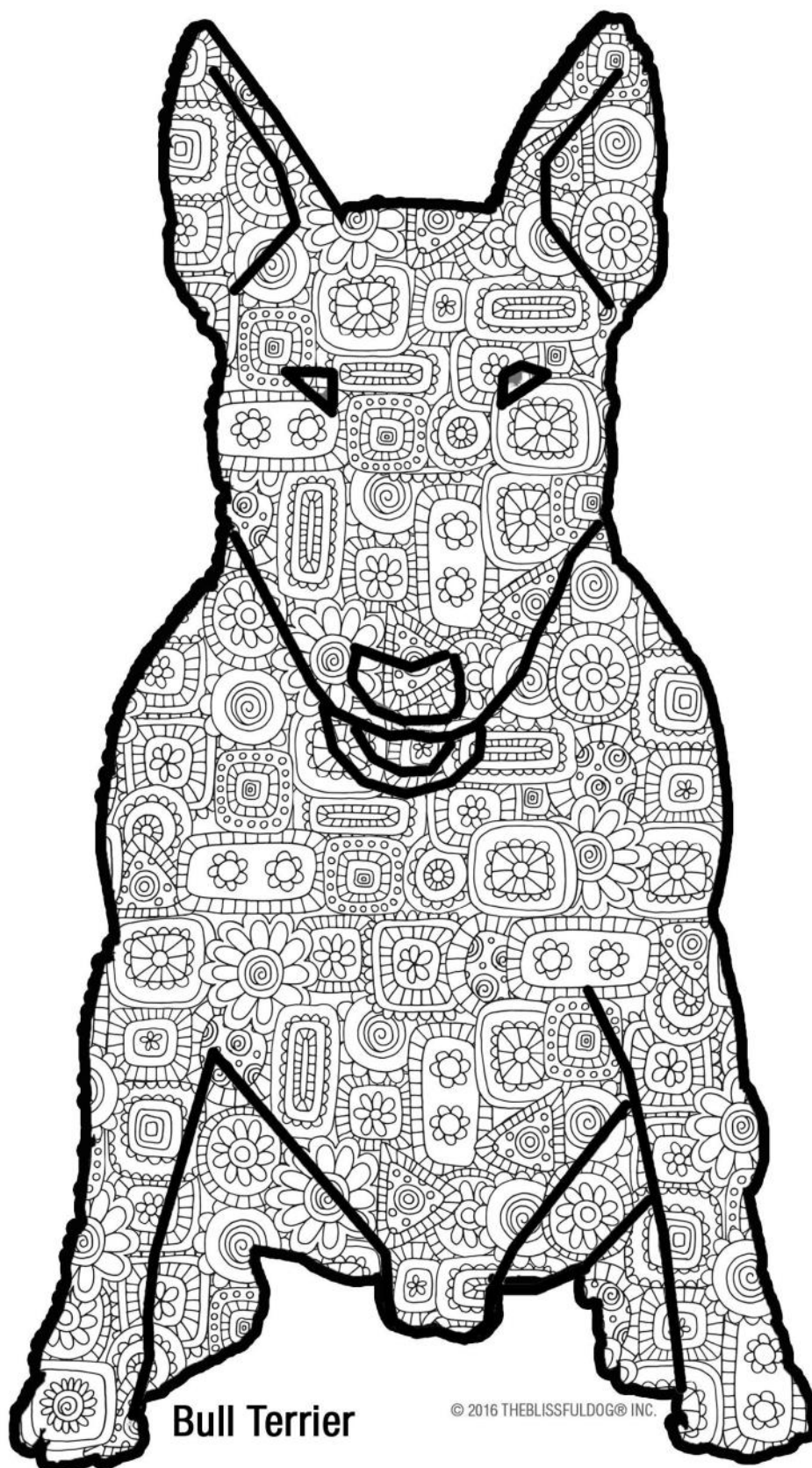
"The owner of this property was very keen to reduce his horse numbers to try and avoid these issues.

"There isn't much of a market for horses at the moment and the movement of horses for slaughter has dropped off dramatically over the last 10 years and is almost non-existent.

"So when this person was contacted and asked if he could supply a truckload of horses he was very enthusiastic."

According to the Federal Department of Agriculture, Australia exported 808 tonnes of "edible horse meat" last year and 285 tonnes of "inedible horse".





Bull Terrier

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Judge Mrs Kerry Hellsten

Critiques for Bull Terrier Club of Victoria 2 May 2021

I would like to thank the Bull Terrier Club of Victoria, the Committee, their Members and the Exhibitors for the invitation to judge and the opportunity to judge such a range of lovely dogs.

Thank you to the Exhibitors for their sportsmanlike behaviour regarding my decisions, I sincerely appreciated your entries. It's clear that covid restrictions have had an impact on some dogs, who were a little shy that I am sure they normally are. Please keep working on this as much as you possibly can.

On the whole the quality of dogs was very good and in most cases the mouths were correct.

Class 1

Baby Puppy Dog

1st Williams' - **ZEEJAY HIRED GUN** –youngest of the class with promise, however was a tad grumpy as he had just lost a tooth prior to entering the ring. Strong, head with pack and fill and a good profile. Ears still soft due to teething. Good bone in forelegs and a short, solid body. A little down in pastern today, however still moved well.

2nd Harmon & Lachmund's - **BULLALARIS BLACK OF KNIGHT** – young boy with great bone and well up on toes and gleaming coat. Head had good profile and correct eye, however I would have liked a little more fill under eyes and his ears on top of head. Good prosternum and well made body. Slightly longer cast that first place and wasn't as together on move as first.

Class 3

Puppy Dog

1st Yeoh's - **YANDOMIR WHERE'S WALLY** – upstanding young male of good breed type. Balanced and strong head with great length, fill and depth for age – lovely expression. Excellent prosternum and lovely straight and strongly boned front. Well sprung ribs and short backed. Well muscled and strong in rear with a well turned stifle and tight feet. Still young and needs to come together on the move.

Class 4

Junior Dog

1st & **DCC and RU BIS** Patterson's - **POTENS DREAD FORT** – strong and balanced male of excellent quality. Great expression in a packed and filled up head. Powerful neck which flowed into a well laid shoulder and good depth of chest. Strong round bone with tight feet. Short backed with a very well developed rear. Hocks were well let down and the tail set and carriage completed the package. Was a bit excited on the move, however when he settled down he moved well.

Class 5

Intermediate Dog

1st & **RDCC** Wiseman - **BULROARUS RUSTY NAIL** – cobby white male with a packed and filled head. Keen expression with a small eye and well set ears. Well boned and stood on top of his toes. Muscular neck, however I would have preferred a little more lay back in shoulder. Short backed and well bodied, with a slightly high tail set. Well muscled and “drivey” rear. Tight feet. Did move keenly around the ring.

2nd Sharp's - **KAHA BIG BUCKS (AI)** – upstanding dog of good breed type, however did not have the same power or substance as first. Well filled head with clean arc and good depth. Angulation in front was clean and straight, with ample prosternum and spring of rib. Well boned and good tight feet. Moved cleanly around the ring and held his topline, however would prefer a little more substance to the rear and depth of second thigh to finish him off.

3rd Sutcliffe's - **SEMAJON BOB MARLEY** – another young, upstanding while male of good breed type, however did not have as much substance as first and second. Balanced head, with a good expression, lacking a little fill under eyes. Good length of neck. Front and rear angulation was good and he had suitable bone throughout.

Class 10

Australian Bred Dog

1st Hansen's - **BRAXSTAR GATE KEEPER (AI)** – typey white dog with a strong head that was packed and filled under the eye. An excellent expression and easy to switch on. Strong neck into a well laid shoulder, lovely prosternum, good depth to chest and well sprung ribs. Short backed with a well turned rear and level topline. Well up on toes and moved well.

2nd Yeoh's - **YANDOMIR INTIMIDATION** – this young lad did not want to show today. Head of reasonable length with adequate fill, hard to assess expression as he was not very happy. Not as hard in body as the first place and didn't move around the ring with the same confidence as first. Lovely short tail

Class 11

Open Dog

1st Dowall's - **JACAMAR FURY ROAD (AI)** – Red and white dog of very good breed type. Keen expression with a packed up head. Good length to foreface and ears set well. Neck strong with a well laid shoulder, would prefer a little more return of upper up to compliment. Strongly boned and bodied with nice tight feel. A touch long, however well muscled in rear.



Class 1a

Baby Puppy Bitch

1st Patterson's - **POTENS RAINBOW SERPENT (AI)** – smart, typey baby bitch with loads of attitude and of the three had the best overall balance. Lovely arc to a feminine head with good fill and a great expression for a coloured baby. Well boned for her age and pleasing body lines at moment. Was a touch naughty on the move, so hard to assess.

2nd Williams' - **ZEEJAY MILLION DOLLAR BABY** – Red and white clown faced baby, also with plenty of personality. Good fill to foreface and also had a lovely expression. Slight rise to topline, however this could just be a growth stage. Also a little down in pastern at the moment, which may improve with age.

3rd Woodsell's - **STURGIS BEYOND THE VEIL** – pretty white bitch with a small eye patch. A little less fill and arc to head and was a touch finer than first and second. Expression was good. Neck flowed well into shoulder. Moved well for and aft, was able to hold top line on move and showed herself well amongst good competition.

Class 2a

Minor Puppy Bitch

1st Bullpatchy Kennels - **BULLPATCHY DARLING RIVER (AI)** – striking black brindle bitch of very good type for age. Smartly marked and feminine head, with good fill and lovely arc. This girl has an excellent expression. Clean coat markings accentuate a well angulated front. Well boned forelegs and tight feet. Well turned stifle and a nicely rounded rear. Very promising pup.

Class 3a

Puppy Bitch

1st Bullpatchy Kennels - **BULLPATCHY PRETTY RIVER (AI)** – smart looking brindle and white bitch, who is litter sister to the minor. Both bitches of very nice quality. Excellent profile with a lovely expression, good fill and legth. Good length of neck into a well laid shoulder, however could do with a touch more return to upper arm. Well boned forelegs with lovely tight feet. Good spring to ribs and a level top line. Moved well fore and aft and on the go round and carried herself well.

Class 4a

Junior Bitch

1st Humphrey's - **BULLROY JUSTA BIT POSH** – white bitch of very good breed type. Feminine head which had a beautiful arc and good length, fill and depth. Overall expression would have been excellent had she used those ears. Excellent neck into well laid shoulder, however needed a touch more return to upper arm. Short backed with a decent spring of rib for a bitch. Well muscled in rear with a short, well set tail. Was able to move well, once she was settled.

Class 5a

Intermediate Bitch

1st Sutcliffe's - SEMAJON ADELE – white bitch of very good breed type. Balanced head with a keen expression and ears up on top of her head and used well. Pleasing profile and length to neck. This girl was well boned and stood right up on her toes to show herself off. Decent bone for a bitch. Short backed and level top line, slightly high tail carriage. Moved keenly around the ring.

2nd Bulpatchy Kennels - BULLPATCHY VIOLET MOON – typey brindle and white bitch who has a packed up and filled head and a decent arc to her profile and lovely small ears. Head was slightly short in foreface, however her expression was still very pleasing. Lovely crest to her neck which was set strongly into a well laid shoulder. Loads of substance for a bitch, yet still feminine. Well boned and short in back, but could do with a touch more depth to second thigh.

3rd Dowall's - JACAMAR VALERIE – black brindle bitch who was not as short coupled as first and second. Profile was pleasing and expression was good strong neck and good lay to shoulder, however slightly forward placed. Well boned, with good substance and well sprung ribs. Tidy feet.

Class 10a

Australian Bred Bitch

1st & **RBC** Bottomley's - UNTHINKABULL HELLSBELLS – very smart red and white bitch of very good breed type. Head well marked, packed and filled up and with a great expression and adequate length of foreface. Strong neck and set well into shoulders which were well angulated. Lovely balance of bone and substance in the package. Clean and straight forelegs, short in back and nicely rounded and muscular in rear. Lovely tight feet that she stood well up on.

2nd Hansen's - BRAXSTAR FALLEN ANGEL (AI) – another typey white bitch, of very good breed type with a balanced body. Lovely expression, with a packed and filled head. Well muscled and cobby body with good bone throughout. Well angled front and rear with nice bone and tight feet. Out moved on the day by first place as she was a bit naughty on the move.

3rd Bulpatchy Kennels - BULLPATCHY SUMMER LOVE – very feminine bitch with a classic head, well turned and filled up, excellent eye set and placement and lovely expression. Powerfully built body with good bone and substance. Great length of neck set into a well laid shoulder. Slightly longer in back than first and second. Well rounded and muscular in rear with tight feet. Not as happy on the move as one and two.

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Open Bitch

1st, **BCC & BIS** Yeoh's - YANDOMIR PENELOPE PITSTOP – high quality bitch with excellent breed type. Excellent expression with correct small, triangular eyes which were set spot on. Great length of foreface in a head that had good fill and depth. Her length of neck was correct and was well set into a well angulated from assembly. Decent prosternum and clean, straight and well boned forelegs and tight feet. Shapely body with lovely spring to her ribs. Her rear angulation was well matched to her front and she had lovely well muscled thighs. Top line was level and held up on the move. On the out and back this bitch was square and moved truly. It was my pleasure to award her Best in Show amongst a line up of quality bitches.

Thank you once again to the club for my appointment and to all of the exhibitors for their entries on the day. Any day is a good day when you get to go over such lovely dogs.

Suddenly spooked- Secondary fear phase in adolescent dogs

If you have a puppy anywhere from around 6 months old to 18 months (and more!) and they suddenly spook at anything at all you will often be told by your doggy friends, with a knowing nod, 'oh, that'll be the secondary fear phase'.

Your teenage puppy may suddenly show fear, backing away or perhaps even barking at things they coped well with before- people with hats, flapping carrier bags, people on ladders, bikes and scooters, black or flat faced dogs etc are all top ten triggers.

Inanimate objects can suddenly become a source of terror!

But what is 'secondary fear' and what should we do about this sudden spookiness?

Secondary fear isn't very well defined in the scientific research and there's some debate about when it occurs (which is likely to be influenced by breed and genetics) and if it actually occurs. It's well reported though that dogs may suddenly (and hopefully temporarily) become more fearful about certain things.

Secondary fear is thought to occur anywhere between around 6 and 18 months old, during the period of social maturation where dogs change from puppyhood into adults. There are complex hormonal and neural changes that also occur around this time and sudden fear may well be linked to these physiological changes within the body. The primary fear centre in the brain, the amygdala, is enlarged at this time meaning that it reacts more sensitively to the environment and stress hormones are at their highest levels in adolescents.

In evolutionary terms, secondary fear also often corresponds with the time (around 8/9 months old) when older puppies of wild and semi feral dogs would have left their family group and ventured off alone into the big wide world. It is thought that a scaredy period at this time would protect puppies from venturing too close to things that could present a danger to them. Perhaps we still see throwback behaviour to this time.

Not all dogs will have a secondary fear phase and some dogs may have more than one (if you are unlucky!) It typically lasts between 1 and 3 weeks and needs careful handling as there is a risk that dogs may become permanently fearful of certain things if they are exposed to a very traumatic experience at this sensitive time.

What should we do about it?

Don't force them to face their fears or immediately embark on a heavy duty program of socialisation. For example, if they showed fear towards tall men with hats, don't expose them to lots of very tall men in hats in close proximity. Space and time are what you need right now- let them see the things they are worried about but from a distance they can cope with and ideally give them several days after a 'scary incident' before you expose them to the same thing again.

We give them space from the things that scare them (perhaps on the other side of a road for example) so that your dog stays 'under threshold'- by this we mean they are in an emotional and physiological state where they can cope aren't so stressed that they can't learn. Doing this gently and without stress is key so that we make good associations.

We give them time (at least a few days) so that they have chance to 'de-stress' and get back to normal before exposing them to the stimulus again. Allowing time to recover avoids the effect of trigger stacking (where scary things add up together to result in a very stressed dog) and gives your dog a recovery period.

We always ensure that we don't make a big deal about the 'scary thing' – we never force our dog to approach the flapping bag/scary plant/person in high vis, we give the dog the choice if they'd like to approach and we watch their body language carefully to judge how they are feeling. We also counter condition around the 'scary thing' from a distance so we pair exposure to it with things the dog likes (normally food!). Counter conditioning takes practise to get right so consult a trainer or behaviourist if you need help.

Be careful not to lure towards trouble— as humans we are always tempted to get our dogs (and our children!) to face their fears but this isn't helpful. If we lure (with food in the hand) a dog towards a 'scary' bin/person/dog then the dog will follow the food towards the scary thing and may then suddenly become very worried when they realise how close they are. Luring then towards scary things also removes the dog's free choice, which is something that we believe is very important— to give our dogs choices.

Avoid making it worse— if you expose a fearful dog to something they are scared of in the wrong way, or too close, or for too long, or to a too scary version of the thing, then you risk making the dog MORE fearful rather than less scared.

Do lots of low arousing, feel good activities to help get through a spooky phase. Loads of scent work and Ttouch ground work is best and being around people and dogs that they know and like.

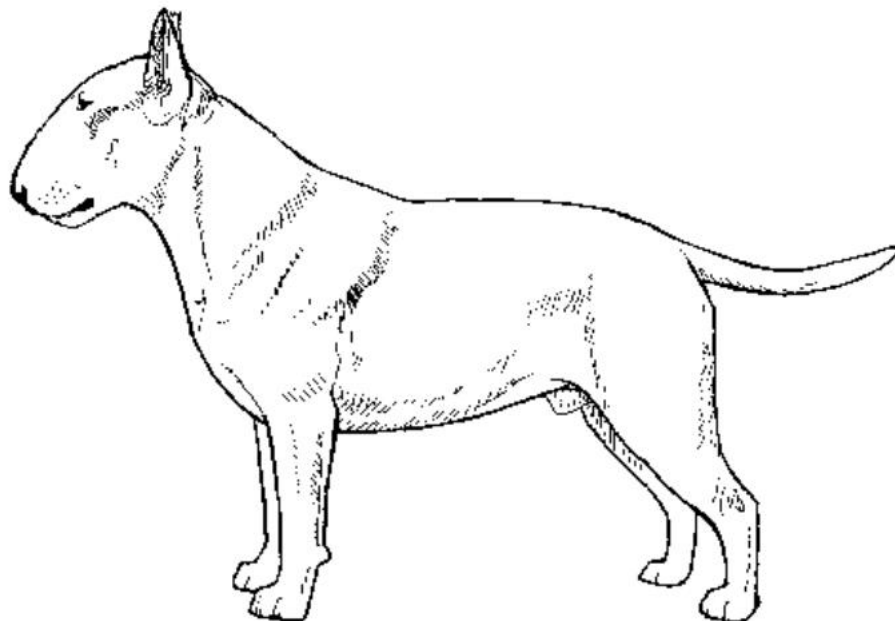
Don't pick this time to start something new and potentially stressful. I delayed starting Sylvi's hydrotherapy as she was in a fearful phase at 6 months old and showed sudden spookiness towards novel objects and people. So going to a new place, being handled by a new person, wearing a floating vest, being showered and dried etc would have been too much for her at that time. Two weeks later when she was back to normal we started hydro and she thrived.

Think back to early socialisation— are there any gaps or things you didn't cover? In winter puppies it's common to forget to expose them to sunglasses and summer hats and in summer puppies we can forget to get them used to big bulky coats and winter hats for example. Did you miss out mobility scooters and are they an issue now? If you've identified a gap then remedial socialisation is a great idea— don't be afraid to ask for help from a reward-based trainer or behaviourist to help you with this.

Check they are feeling okay— consult your vet if they are behaving out of character or if you see a sudden change. Adolescence can mark the onset of some medical conditions so always rule out any medical cause (including pain) for behavioural changes. Fear and pain are strongly linked and can exacerbate each other. Don't assume that it's 'just' behavioural as they are young, it's crucial to rule out medical causes.

If the fearful phase persists or gets worse then don't delay in getting help, all behavioural issues are easier to 'fix' if they have only recently occurred rather than behaviours that have been practised for months or years. With any luck though your normal (whatever normal is!) adolescent will return pretty quickly.

Laura McAuliffe, Dog Communication 2016.





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